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FCC ANNOUNCES EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDED PAYPHONE COMPENSATION RULE

CC Docket No. 96-128

On October 3, 2003, the Commission released a *Report and Order* in CC Docket No. 96-128 (*Payphone Order*)¹ in which the Commission adopted new rules concerning the compensation of payphone service providers (PSPs) pursuant to section 276 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.² In the *Payphone Order*, the Commission adopted section 64.1310(g) of its rules, which required each Completing Carrier and each Intermediate Carrier to maintain verification data to support the quarterly reports for 18 months after the close of that quarter.³

On October 22, 2004, the Commission released an *Order on Reconsideration* in which the Commission amended section 64.1310(g).⁴ The amended rule extends the time period that Completing Carriers and Intermediate Carriers must maintain the verification data, from 18 months to 27 months.⁵ In the *Order on Reconsideration*, the Commission ordered that the revised rule would go into effect upon publication in the Federal Register that Office of Management and Budget (OMB) had approved the new information collection requirements.⁶ OMB approved the information collection contained in section 64.1310(g) on May 25, 2005.⁷ Notice of OMB's approval was published in the Federal Register on June 29, 2005.⁸ Accordingly, the effective date of section 64.1310(g) is **June 29, 2005**.

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¹ Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-128, Report and Order, 18 FCC Red 19975 (2003) (Payphone Order).

² 47 U.S.C. § 276.

³ Payphone Order, 18 FCC Rcd at 20002-03, para. 51; see 47 C.F.R. § 64.1310(g).

Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-128, Order on Reconsideration, 19 FCC Rcd 21457 (2004) (Order on Reconsideration).

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 64.1310(g).

Order on Reconsideration, 19 FCC Rcd at 21484, para. 61.

⁷ OMB Approval No. 3060-1046 (May 25, 2005).

⁸ 70 FR 37404-01 (June 29, 2005).